

100A No. 16 Tenby Hospitium of St. John Baptist
Hospital or Free Chapel was founded by William de Valence and his
Countess Joan - Fenton 430. According to George Owen, Robert
Collins was last master. In "Surveys of Wales" we find an indenture
dated XIX, Henry VIII (1527) in which Robert Collins is described
as Vicar of Tenby, and another in XXX, Henry VIII (1598) in which
he still holds the same office. In the lease granted by Elizabeth
to the Corporation of Tenby, the late Vicar, Thomas (alias Robert
Collins) is mentioned. Finally the greater part of the lands belong
ing to St. John's Hospital were let on lease to Robert and Agnes
Collins, presumably the wife, who eventually took up her abode in
Serjeant's Lane, Tenby. Next to the Collins family the Records had
St. John's and resided there for several generations, producing
good men from their stock. (See Little England, 208) Norris figured
the Mansion House, of which now not one stone remains.